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| PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) | | Docket Number (Optional) 5063 US |
| In re Application of Luz Montesclaros et al. | | |
| Application Number 10/618,493 | | Filed July 11, 2003 |
| For Methods and Kits for Obtaining Nucleic Acid From Biological Samples | | |
| Group Art Unit 1635 | Examiner Richard A. Schnizer | Dated: March 21, 2006 |

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

☒ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) (1020) \$ 1020.00

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____ .

☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

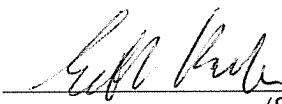
☐ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2213 .
I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the ☐ assignee of record of the entire interest.
☐ applicant.
☒ attorney or agent of record.
☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).
Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a). _____ .

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March 21, 2006
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